

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

May 3, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDOT 1st floor auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman George Phillips.

Commission Members Present:

MS Department of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Department of Corrections	Chris Epps
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Clovis Reed
MS Department of Homeland Security	Jay Ledbetter
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Michael Berthay
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Tom Lariviere
MS Sheriffs Association	James Newman
MS Supervisors Association	Joel Yelverton
MS Department of Health	Brian Amy
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
SafeCity	Mark McCreery

Advisory Members Present:

Senator Jack Gordon	Representative Clayton Smith
Senator Tom King	Representative Johnny Stringer

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Chris Epps made a motion to approve the minutes. Joel Yelverton seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Joel Yelverton reported for the Rules Committee. There was a request from the MS Forestry Commission, which had been tabled at the last meeting. The request was for equipment which will allow all districts to communicate through a single dispatch center. This equipment will be interoperable with the state system. Mr. Yelverton handed out copies of his committee's recommendation, which read as follows:

The Wireless Communication Commission (WCC) acknowledges the following acquisitions made by the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) between April 2006 and February 2007 for products and services within the purview of the WCC without the approvals required under Mississippi Code Section 25-53-171 and the WCC Purchasing Guidelines and Procedures:

Purchase	Cost
Mobile radios and miscellaneous purchases: FY06	\$107,714.61

<i>Mobile radios, portable radios, repeaters, and miscellaneous purchases: FY07</i>	<i>\$501,441.51</i>
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The WCC further acknowledges that the MFC implemented a Radio over Internet Protocol (RoIP) system through a competitive procurement in 2005 with all required approvals from ITS and from the WCC. The 160 mobile radios, 395 portable radios, 4 repeaters, and other miscellaneous parts acquired without required approvals were purchased to replace existing radios that did not work correctly with the RoIP system.

The WCC approves the acquisition of \$78,935.00 of portable radio accessories currently requested by the MFC, under the following conditions:

- MFC updates, submits to ITS, and keeps current the agency's Information Technology Long Range Plan, including specific details for all wireless communication acquisitions planned for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, including information on existing or prospective funding;*
- MFC requests and receives ITS approval prior to making further purchases from the 2-Way Radio Express Products List and/or other wireless communication purchases; and*
- MFC requests and receives WCC approval prior to making any additional wireless purchases.*

Mr. Yelverton explained that his committee is requesting that the WCC acknowledge these prior purchases, and all purchases from this point forward will come before the WCC for approval before purchase. Chairman Phillips questioned members of the MS Forestry Commission as to why this did not come before the WCC prior to the purchase. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to acknowledge the purchases as outlined in the handout. Jay Ledbetter seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Mr. Yelverton handed out copies of proposed changes to the Interim Purchasing Guidelines. These changes included a note that maintenance charged on existing equipment does not require WCC approval, and requests must now be received one week prior to the date of the regularly scheduled WCC meeting. The updated guidelines will be filed with the Secretary of State's Office in accordance with APA requirements. The committee name will be changed to "Procurement Review Committee". Mr. Yelverton made a motion to approve the changes as written. Tom Lariviere seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed.

Clovis Reed reported for the Cellular Committee. Cellular South has developed a website that will contain all pertinent information about the plans and devices available under the statewide cellular contract, as well as provide an on-line mechanism for authorized state employees to add, change, and delete plans and devices. This site is not yet available to customers, but Terrell Knight can provide access to Commission

members for their review. The Cellular Committee and ITS are working on guidelines for exceptions where Cellular South cannot meet specific cellular needs within an agency. Each exception request will be reviewed individually. The contract negotiations with Cellular South should be concluded by the next meeting.

Willie Huff reported for the Interoperability Committee. At 2:00 pm on May 9th, Louisiana State Police will be testing with Mississippi during the hurricane "Zora" exercise. Joel Yelverton questioned how the two will interoperate, and there was a discussion of what will be purchased for the exercise.

There was no report for the Governance Committee.

Willie Huff reported for the Contract Negotiation Committee. The contract should be completed in May.

The next meeting will be June 7, 2007, at 1:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.